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Welcome to Our New Tutors

On February 25th, 16 volunteers became the first group to complete a redesigned tutor training course. The new training focuses more specifically on individual learners' needs while getting an overview of tutoring techniques. We welcome the following new tutors to our program: Joyce Barnes, Diane Campbell, Beth Christopher, Teddy Edwards, Ellen Huberman, Laurie Lairson, Noie LaRue, Christy McCune, Dixie-Lee Shurland, Nancy Thompson, Stephanie Tillmans, Alex Tolj, Kim Wilson, Sharon Wohl, and Barbara Young.

SCLLN 2009 Conference

On March 7th, tutors, learners, staff, and board members from literacy programs around Southern California will be attending the Southern California Library Literacy Network's (SCLLN) annual conference. In addition to excellent workshops and opportunities to network with others, attendees will be treated to a keynote speech by Stephen J. Cannell, well-known and respected author and television writer.



POWERFUL PARAGRAPHS

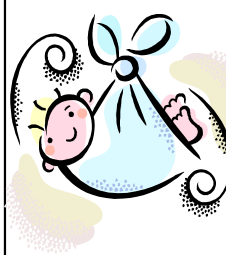
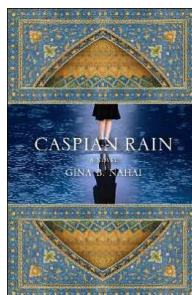
Toby Larson, a writing specialist with many years of experience, will be teaching a six-week writing class to a group of very fortunate

learners beginning on March 4th. As the class booked quickly, we hope to be able to offer the class again and encourage interested learners to watch for an announcement.

Save the Date - May 1st!



Author Gina B. Nahai will be the featured speaker at this year's fundraising luncheon on Friday, May 1st. Ms. Nahai, a professor of creative writing at USC, has written four novels depicting life in the Iranian Jewish community (*Cry of the Peacock*, *Moonlight on the Avenue of Faith*, *Sunday's Silence*, and *Caspian Rain*). She frequently lectures on contemporary politics of the Middle East, has been a regular guest on local television and radio shows, and has received numerous awards for her writing. The event will be held at the Radisson Hotel in Newport Beach. Last year's event sold out quickly, so make your reservation now! Contact the office for details.



Congratulations to tutor and board member Leah Hamilton and her husband Shawn as they welcome son, Finneas "Finn", born December 22, 2008

Reading is a basic tool in the living of a good life.
~ Mortimer J. Adler ~

Donations are always welcome

We are grateful for the support of individuals, companies, and foundations who have given generously to Literacy Services. We appreciate the generosity of Pacific Life as a continuing supporter, and thank The Allergan Foundation for their recent first-time grant.

If you or someone you know would like to contribute, donations (payable to Newport/Mesa ProLiteracy) may be sent to the following address:

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President's Message:

I Read it at the Movies

Watching the Academy Awards show recently, I realized that many nominated films were adaptations of books or short stories. Two of these won awards – the novel *The Reader* and the short story “The Curious Case of Benjamin Button.” *Marley and Me*, the film version of the best-selling book, was a box office success in 2008. Movies are complements to the books on which they are based. Our literacy program’s book club uses this Hollywood connection. Club members read unabridged editions of books, listen to the book read aloud on CD, and often finish with a viewing of the movie. This method helps make challenging books more accessible and increases comprehension and understanding.

My own book club did the same thing in January with our book of the month, *The Reader*. We felt that the double exposure enhanced our enjoyment of the book. Taking advantage of the book/film connection is a great way to read. Several films coming up this spring will offer chances to “read” movies; titles include *Angels and Demons* (starring Tom Hanks), *Julie and Julie* (starring Meryl Streep), and *The Soloist* (starring Robert Downey, Jr.). Take out a book, see a movie, have fun!

Carolyn

Become an Explorer!

Have you ever wondered how to properly use “make” or “do”? ... how about “it’s” or “its”? Do you need practice with alphabetizing? Do you want to learn spelling rules? Explore the “Links” on www.newportliteracy.org and check out the puzzles, games, and worksheets to challenge and improve your English skills.



Tutors: Thank you for turning in your monthly report by the 3rd of each month!

Are you setting SMART goals?

S	smart
M	measurable
A	acceptable
R	realistic
T	time specific

Set a SMART goal—Participate in the 2009 Writer to Writer Challenge

California Library Literacy Services sponsors an annual writing competition for adult learners in public library literacy programs. "Adult learners are invited to read a book of their choice and then write a personal letter to the author of that book, sharing with the author their thoughts and opinions as to how the book affected them." Competition details have not yet been released, but it is helpful to plan ahead and find a book to read.

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Literally Speaking, the newsletter for participants of Literacy Services at the Newport Beach Public Library, is published quarterly and sponsored by corporate and private donations.

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LEARNER'S CORNER



Pim Jelinek—Learner Liaison

We warmly welcome Pim Jelinek to her role as learner liaison on the Literacy Advisory Board. Pim (PJ) has been an active learner in the program since October 2008, working diligently with her tutor to improve her reading, writing, and

speaking skills.

As learner liaison, PJ is the link between learners and the Advisory Board. As policies are discussed and the direction of the program is determined, PJ is the voice of the learner and is able to contribute a unique perspective.

PJ welcomes input and suggestions from learners and tutors, encouraging them to contact her either through email (nbplnetwork@gmail.com) or by phone 949-500-5062. She welcomes the opportunity to get to know others in the program and to be their representative in the oversight of the literacy program.

Learners: We are interested in seeing your stories, poems, recipes (along with a short story about why the recipe is special to you), or other writings that we can include in an upcoming learner publication or a future issue of "Literally Speaking", with your permission, of course.

Congratulations to the Learners who met their goals:

Took the oath of U.S. Citizen
 Obtained a driver's license
 Got a full-time job
 Passed a professional certification exam
 Gave an oral report
 Negotiated a lease
 Read a medical bill

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Upcoming Literacy Dates/Events

March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31
March 4, 11, 18, 25
March 4, 11, 18, 25
March 5, 12, 19, 26
March 10
March 10

Mondays, 10:30 a.m.
Tuesdays, 10:15 a.m.
Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.
Wednesdays, 6:00 p.m.
Thursdays, 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday, 3:30 p.m.
Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.

Adult Learner Book Club
Adult Learner Discussion Group
Adult Learner Pronunciation Group
Powerful Paragraphs Writing Class
Adult Learner Conversation Group
Families for Literacy
Advisory Board Meeting

April 1, 8
April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
April 6, 13, 20, 27
April 7, 14, 21, 28
April 14
April 14
April 21
April 23

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Tuesdays, 10:15 a.m.
Tuesday, 10:00 a.m.
Tuesday, 3:30 p.m.
Tuesday, 10:00 a.m.
Thursday, 10:00 a.m.

Powerful Paragraphs Writing Class
Adult Learner Pronunciation Group
Adult Learner Conversation Group
Adult Learner Book Club
Adult Learner Discussion Group
New Learner Orientation
Families for Literacy
New Tutor Orientation
Tutor Connection

May 1
May 4, 11, 18, 25
May 5, 12
May 5, 12, 19, 26
May 6, 13, 20, 27
May 7, 14, 21, 28
May 12
May 12
May 25

Friday, 11:30 a.m.
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Tuesdays, 9:00 a.m.
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Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.
Thursdays, 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday, 3:30 p.m.
Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.
Library Closed

Fundraiser Luncheon with author Gina Nahai
Adult Learner Book Club
Tutor Training
Learner Discussion Group
Adult Learner Pronunciation Group
Adult Learner Conversation Group
Families for Literacy
Advisory Board Meeting
Memorial Day

Note: All programs are held at the Central Library unless otherwise posted. For more details, contact the literacy office at (949) 717-3874 or email us at literacy@city.newport-beach.ca.us